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## Schools Chosen for Exemplary Demonstration Site

The Peterson Elementary School and Red Springs Middle School in Robeson County School District in Red Springs, NC have been elected as exemplary demonstration sites by the Exemplary Center for Reading Instruction (ECRI), a U.S. Department of Education Diffusion Network (NDN) project. The District's Board of Education has supported the in-service and in-class assistance provided by the Exemplary Center for Reading Instruction (ECRI). ECRI is located in Salt Lake City, Utah. It is prominent throughout the United States and other countries for its programs to eliminate illiteracy and to make gains in students' reading, writing and comprehension scores. ECRI is a program for teachers to learn to teach literature, vocabulary, comprehension and study skills, spelling, penmanship, proofing and writing skills.

The Peterson and Red Springs schools have also implemented the Keyboarding, Reading and Spelling

(KRS) Computer program. It is also an NDN project developed by ECRI's director, Dr. Ethna R. Reid.

The selection as ECRI exemplary demonstration sites means that the Peterson Elementary School and Red Springs Middle School teachers have achieved specific goals that have resulted in gains made by their students in reading and writing skills. The ECRI curriculum/coordinators, assistant principal, and principals are also ECRI trained. The gains made in reading and writing scores reflect the outstanding and dedicated work that the administrators and teachers have accomplished.

The schools will be presented with a plaque and a certificate designating this meritorious award on May 6, 1994 in special ceremonies at the 1st Annual North Carolina ECRI Conference in Lumberton, North Carolina. Dr. Ethna R. Reid, Director of the Exemplary Center for Reading Instruction, will present the award.

The plaque and certificate will be displayed in the main office hall at Peterson Elementary School and in the Fletcher Building (RSMS), State and local dignitaries will attend the ceremony.

The requirements which were met by the schools in order to qualify for this distinction are: Representation of different grade levels of authorized ECRI teachers, willingness to host visitors in the school and keep a log of the visits, desire to have levels of authorized ECRI teachers' proficiency upgraded and to have continued contact with ECRI staff to maintain teachers' proficiencies, a willingness to incorporate new strategies as they develop, support of District administrators for each school's efforts, a plan to evaluate the effect of ECRI's teaching techniques and share data with ECRI, and a knowledge of ECRI and the teachers' efforts by the community/parents and its/their involvement in ECRI activities.

## Review Application Exceptional Children's Program

The Public School System of Robeson County is currently applying for funds under Part B, of Section VI of Public Law 94-142. The funds from this project will be used to supplement the educational needs of "Special Needs Children" who will attend school within the county of Robeson. All parents of children who will be served under this project have the right to have input into the manner in which these funds will be used. A copy of the project application will be open for public inspection through April 29, 1994 at the Public Schools of Robeson County, Program Services Building, located at Highway 72 & 711, Lumberton, North Carolina.

Anyone wishing to review the project application and/or exercise the right of input should contact Mr. Charles Graham, Program Administrator for Exceptional Children's Program, at (910) 671-6090 during normal working hours to schedule an appointment.

## Dinner Held at Chancellor's Dining Room

Forty six persons gathered recently as the Retirement/25-Year Club of Pembroke State University held its third annual social and dinner in the Chancellor's Dining Room.

Criteria for joining the club is that a faculty member either be retired or have 25 years of service to PSU.

Chairing the event was James Ebert, PSU professor emeritus of biology who is the founder of the club. Speaker of the occasion was Judge Henry McKinnon, retired superior court judge and an authority on the history of Robeson County. McKinnon discussed Robeson County history from 1738 to the present.

Also welcoming the group was PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine, who saluted the retired professors' contributions in education to this region and their continuing importance to the University.

Ebert opened the meeting by welcoming the new PSU faculty retirees: George Ammons, business administration and economics; Loren Butler, history; Dr. Carl Fisher, education; Dr. Stanley Jenkins, art; Dr. Gerald Maynor, education; and Dr. Harold Slagle, music.

Respects were also paid to PSU faculty retirees who have died since April 1993. These include Mae Walker, communicative arts; Dr. Francis Pfeifer, music; and Dr. Lea Harper, philosophy and religion. A moment of silence was observed in their memory.

The members of Ebert's Retirement/25-Year Club Committee were introduced, those being: Dr. Adolph Dial, Dr. Gibson Gray, Dr. Robert Gustafson, Dr. Gilbert Sampson, and Dr. Norma Jean Thomson.

Guests included Judge and Mrs. McKinnon; Mrs. Margaret Jones, widow of former PSU Chancellor English E. Jones; Mrs. Berteen Prince, retired secretary/administrative assistant to the chancellor; Mrs. Janet Wellons Smith, daughter of deceased PSU president Dr. Ralph Wellons; and Mrs. Smith's daughter, Sally.

Providing entertainment was classical guitarist Dale Smith, a student in the PSU Music Department.

In conclusion, Ebert announced the proposed club activities for the coming year.

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Robert Morgan TO: SPECIAL AGENT LEE E. SAMPSON  
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It was a difficult decision for me to accept your resignation from the State Bureau of Investigation as you have devoted your time and energy to the Bureau for the past 17 years.

Your record with the Bureau has been excellent. You began your career in 1970 as a Fingerprint Clerk and in 1974 you were transferred to the Southeastern District as a Mobile Lab Operator. In 1981, you were made a general Criminal Investigator.

Your investigation of the homicide of Jackie A. Benson in 1984 and the investigation of the homicide of Earl Allen in 1985 each resulted in the conviction of the suspects involved. These were truly commendable investigations and your dedication and professionalism were paramount in the successful conclusion of these cases, as well as many others.

You have well earned the respect of your peers during your years of service. You have gone above and beyond the call of duty to further the growth and prestige of the State Bureau of Investigation and you will be remembered as an agent with great integrity, diligence and compassion.

I wish to express my appreciation to the many contributions you have made to the SBI and to wish you the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Robert Morgan  
ROBERT MORGAN  
Director

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